

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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NOTICE

ATTORNEYS TEMPORARILY EXEMPT FROM CELL PHONE BAN

The judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan have voted to temporarily exempt attorneys appearing in connection with any judicial proceeding or presenting evidence of bar membership from the provisions of its local rule which bans cellular telephones from federal court facilities. The exemption, which goes into effect on July 1, 2005 for a period not to exceed six months, covers cellular telephones and equivalent communication devices (including PDA's).

The judges also approved a policy governing the use of cellular telephones and equivalent communication devices (including PDA's) by attorneys in federal court facilities.

The administrative orders which record the Court's policy may be found at the Court's website:

www.mied.uscourts.gov

The Court's action applies to attorneys only. Pursuant to the Court's Local Rules, cellular telephones are not allowed in federal court facilities.

Areas in the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse in Detroit where cellular phones may be used include posted attorney conference rooms on the 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th floors. Attorneys practicing at the Court's offices in Ann Arbor, Bay City, Flint or Port Huron, should contact the chambers of the district judge at that location to determine where cellular phones may be used.

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